



# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SERE SPECIALIST



DIGITAL EDITION



# **SURVIVAL EVASION RESISTANCE ESCAPE**

## **WORLDWIDE OPERATIONS**

The Department of Defense (DoD) has thousands of aircrew, Special Warfare and other high-risk-of-isolation (HRI) personnel engaged in operations around the world. They must be able to Survive, Evade, Resist and Escape (SERE) on their own in any environment when faced with unforeseen life or death isolating situations.

As a SERE Specialist, it's your job to ensure all HRI personnel are properly prepared to "Return With Honor" and plan for global Personnel Recovery (PR) operations.

## **INTENSE TRAINING**

The SERE Specialist training pipeline lasts approximately one year. During this time you'll learn global SERE techniques and procedures, PR planning and execution functions and attend Basic Army Airborne School.

You'll learn how to survive and evade in multiple environments such as desert regions, tropics, open-ocean and even the arctic. Simultaneously, you'll learn to effectively prepare others for isolating events and plan for potential rescue operations.

Everything you experience is designed in a manner that will assist you in becoming an expert in your craft and a highly valued asset of the Department of Defense. The training is both physically and mentally demanding and not everyone is up to the challenge.



## **TRAINING PIPELINE**

### **SERE Specialist Training Orientation Course**

15 days — Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, TX

### **Basic SERE Training, Water Survival and Emergency Parachute Training**

24 days — Fairchild Air Force Base, WA

### **SERE Specialist Training Indoctrination Course**

10 days — Fairchild Air Force Base, WA

### **SERE Specialist Training Apprentice Course**

5.5 months — Fairchild Air Force Base, WA

### **Army Basic Airborne School**

3 weeks — Fort Benning, GA

## **SERE QUALIFICATIONS**

- Be a U.S. citizen and qualify for a “Secret” security clearance
- Be between the ages of 17 and 39
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent, with an 11th grade reading level
- Meet the score requirements on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test and SERE 2-Factor Selection Model
- Meet SERE vision requirements
- Have no speech impediment
- Have no allergies to pollens, grasses, etc.
- Be able to lift 70 pounds over your head
- Be able to meet ruck march requirements during the SERE Specialist Training Orientation Course





## PHYSICAL ABILITY AND STAMINA TEST

As a SERE applicant, you'll be required to pass the Physical Ability and Stamina Test (PAST) prior to Basic Military Training and then again while completing the SERE Specialist Training Orientation Course. Your recruiter will provide you with the minimum required standards to complete each test component. However, you should aim to far exceed the PAST standards.

- 1.5-mile run
- Pull-ups
- Sit-ups
- Push-ups

## YOUR CAREER

After completing the SERE Specialist training pipeline, you'll be responsible for preparing Air Force and DoD members for any isolating situation in any environment. You'll also be the subject matter expert on global PR operations, having the opportunity to deploy and support combat and stability operations.

Throughout your career you'll have the opportunity to be assigned at Air Force units around the world and work with members from a wide array of organizations, including Air Force, Joint, Interagency or Coalition Forces.





## **BENEFITS**

Here are a few of the many benefits you'll receive as a SERE Specialist:

- Possible extra pay incentives, including parachute and/or dive pay, special duty assignment pay, and enlistment/re-enlistment bonuses
- 30 days of vacation with pay each year
- Opportunities for advanced education with up to 100 percent tuition assistance and the Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Live, work and travel around the world
- Comprehensive medical care
- Tax-free food and housing allowances
- Generous retirement system with the Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401(k)

(Note: The above Air Force benefits are available to those serving full-time. Not all benefits are available for part-time service. See your recruiter for more details.)

## **PROUD TEAM**

Since we want only the best, we handpick SERE Specialist candidates. If you're one of the few who can make the cut and become a member of our elite team, you'll earn the right to wear the coveted SERE arch and sage beret.

## **MULTIPLE WAYS TO SERVE**

You can choose one of several paths that allows you to serve your country either full-time or part-time. No matter which path you select, you'll become a member of our global Air Force family. For more information, contact a recruiter today.

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